

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Resolution

Resolution No.: 23-189

Adopt a Resolution Celebrating ReGen Monterey and Salinas Valley Recycles Work Implementing SB1383...)

WHEREAS, SB 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Reduction Strategy is the state law that requires reduction in organic waste disposal 75% by 2025 and rescue at least 20% of edible food for human consumption that is currently being disposed of by 2025; and

WHEREAS, Reducing Short-Lived Climate Super Pollutants like Methane (created from landfilling organic wastes) will have the fastest impact on the climate crisis and SB1383 is the largest change to the waste and recycling industry in 30 years; and

WHEREAS, ReGen Monterey and Salinas Valley Recycles came together to host monthly Technical Advisory Committee meetings to engage local jurisdictions and collection haulers to develop programs to comply with SB 1383 resulting in a cohesive plan for the entire County to collect food scraps curbside in the green cart; and

WHEREAS, On January 1, 2022, ReGen Monterey and Salinas Valley Recycles issued a joint press release launching the residential food scraps program in coordination with the franchised haulers, to collect food scraps in the green cart with yard trimmings. The program's acceptance rules at both composting and processing facilities are identical to minimize confusion and potential contamination of unwanted items; and

WHEREAS, ReGen Monterey and Salinas Valley Recycles developed a regional Edible Food Recovery Technical Advisory Committee to foster collaboration and coordination in expanding Edible Food Recovery programs across the county; and

WHEREAS, Through the EFR TAC, ReGen Monterey and Salinas Valley Recycles also developed a Food Recovery Grant Program piloted in FY 21/22, to increase the local capacity for food recovery organizations to be able to accept, collect, store, and distribute more edible food; and

WHEREAS, In June 2022, \$100,000 was given to five food recovery organizations throughout Monterey County to help serve more individuals in need. In the second round of funding \$76,000 was awarded to five more food recovery organizations; and

WHEREAS, ReGen Monterey and Salinas Valley Recycles are jointly developing & promoting the app CareIt County-wide to connect food generators with feeding organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby celebrates ReGen Monterey and Salinas Valley Recycles for their work implementing SB1383 in Monterey County, and furthermore encourages everyone in the community to commit to reducing organic waste disposal.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 6th day of June 2023



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